



## Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument

### Update – November 2005

As you probably know, the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) was recently distributed for public comment. I wanted to take just a minute to update you about opportunities to submit comments concerning the draft RMP/EIS.

The release of the Draft RMP/EIS marks the beginning of a 90-day public review and comment period. We've scheduled these public meetings throughout north central Montana to answer questions and gather comments concerning the Draft.

Lewistown	November 28	Sapphire Room, Yogo Inn, 211 East Main
Winifred	November 29	Community Center, Main Street
Fort Benton	November 30	Agricultural Museum, 1205 20 <sup>th</sup> St.
Havre	December 1	Holiday Village Mall, Hwy. 2 West
Big Sandy	December 5	Community Hall
Chinook	December 6	Chinook Motor Inn, 100 Indiana St.
Hays	December 7	John Capture Center
Malta	December 8	First State Bank, 1 S. 1 <sup>st</sup> St. East
Billings	December 12	Hampton Inn, 5110 Southgate Dr.
Great Falls	December 13	Townhouse Inn, 1411 10 <sup>th</sup> Av. South
Kalispell	December 14	Hampton Inn, 1140 Hwy. 2 West

These meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and a brief BLM presentation about the RMP/EIS. Each meeting will then provide an opportunity to talk individually with various resource specialists. Around 7:30 we'll begin a more formal public comment period with a court reporter present to create an accurate transcript of the comments offered. Depending on how many people wish to offer comments, a time limit may be required of each speaker. Written comments will also be accepted at these meetings. The meetings are scheduled to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

If you can not attend any of these meetings please send your written comments to: Monument RMP Team, BLM Lewistown Field Office, 920 NE Main St., P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457, or they may be e-mailed to [monumentrmp@blm.gov](mailto:monumentrmp@blm.gov). All letters and emails should include the first and last name of the individual commenting and a complete mailing address. Those individuals who wish their name and address withheld from public release must state that preference at the beginning of their comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed. All comments from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public release in their entirety.

The public comment period will run through January 26, 2006, and I certainly encourage and appreciate everyone's participation.

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